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Ben Kovic, Chairperson of NWMB
RE: Kivalliq Bowhead Hunt 2014

The Kivalliq Wildlife Board held a regular meeting in Rankin Inlet from April 8-10, 2014. The KWB directors voted the community of Chesterfield Inlet to manage the bowhead hunt of 2014 and passed a resolution indicating this (#KWB-2014-002).

Each year, Kivalliq Wildlife Board requests a proposal and detailed budget from the Kivalliq HTOs interested in managing a bowhead hunt, and review two/three proposals a year in the first regional regular meeting held of the year. The Basic Needs Level is set for ninety (90) a year, with a Total Allowable Harvest of three (3) in Nunavut; one is allocated to each region annually. The Kivalliq Wildlife Board is requesting an increase of TAH for the Kivalliq from one bowhead to two bowheads per year.

The request for an additional bowhead was recommended by the Kivalliq Wildlife Board (resolution #KWB 2014-006) to give Kivalliq HTOs a chance to manage and harvest a bowhead. The communities of Repulse Bay and Coral Harbour have managed bowhead hunts with success in the previous years; we would like the other communities to have a chance in successfully harvesting a bowhead as well. This year, two HTOs submitted interest in managing bowhead hunts; Chesterfield Inlet and Coral Harbour. If approved, the Kivalliq Wildlife Board is planning on allocating the additional bowhead to Coral Harbour.

The Kivalliq HTO managers have been holding monthly teleconferences to discuss administrative management, planning and finding solutions to resolve issues. The managers have been working well together along with the regional coordinator. The monthly teleconferences help the Kivalliq HTO managers by assisting in office work, preparing for upcoming events, and provide updates between the RWO and HTOs. The Kivalliq Wildlife Board also held a Kivalliq Manager's Workshop prior to the KWB AGM in October 2013; where standardized templates for office documents such as proposals, minutes, and report templates were introduced, as well as Centralized Accounting. We are confident the HTO offices, managers and board of directors will be operating smoothly and manage independent projects.

For Chesterfield HTO, they have been updating the Kivalliq Wildlife Board in their plans for managing the upcoming bowhead hunt in the Kivalliq this year and have provided a proposal with a detailed budget for the hunt. We expect we will work closely with the HTO the following year to assist and review their plans for the bowhead hunt. NTI has also



provided safety training and equipment to the communities selected to manage the bowhead hunt each year. We are thankful as a board that NTI has supported the RWOs and HTOs with bowhead hunts, amongst managing other wildlife activities and issues in regards to wildlife management.

We are requesting the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board to consider increasing the TAH for bowhead for the Qikiqtaaluk and Kivalliq Wildlife Board. It would greatly benefit the Kivalliq region, and the muktuk from the bowhead(s) would be distributed amongst the communities to ensure all beneficiaries carry on the traditional diet of consuming bowhead muktuk; which is now considered a rare delicacy.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please forward them to the Kivalliq Wildlife Board regional coordinator, Leah M. Muckpah at kwb@niws.ca or phone (867) 857-6921; or myself, Ross Tatty, at rosstatty@gmail.com

Sincerely:

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Chairperson of Kivalliq Wildlife Board

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